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SUBJECT: IC WAIVER CUT-OFF FOR SERVICING

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(76) 1, (C) DOC. CONTR (73) 18

1. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON SERVICING PROCEDURE PROPOSALS AT COCOM MEETING JUNE 13 BELGIAN DEL PROPOSED AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE EXEMPTION CUT OFF FROM THE IC/DV SYSTEM BE INCREASED BY 50 PERCENT (SEE PARA 5 REFTEL A). SOME CONFUSION HAS NOW ARISEN AS TO THE PRESENT CUT-OFF VALUES FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS WITH REGARD TO SERVICING. IN SUB-C CONTR (76) 1, ALL EXCEPT THE U.S. HAD AGREED TO RAISE THE VALUE CUT-OFFS SPECIFIED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 14 AND 152 OF SUB-C CONTR (73) 1 BY 50 PER CENT. PARAS 152 AND 14, HOWEVER, MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE VALUE CUT OFF FOR SERVICING WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED AT \$4,400 FOR DV AND \$10,000 FOR ICS. WHEN THE U.S. SUBSEQUENTLY LIFTED ITS RESERVE IN CONTR (77) 4.1 TO THE SUGGESTIONS IN PARAS 14 AND 152 OF SUB-C CONTR
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(76) 1 ITS STATEMENT WAS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE U.S. WAS AGREEING TO A 50 PER CENT INCREASE AT THAT TIME FOR SERVICING CUT-OFFS. U.S. INSTRUCTIONS REFERRED ONLY TO THE SMALL SHIPMENT CUT-OFF FIGURE OF \$3,300. THERE IS, THEREFORE, NOW SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE PRESENT IC/DV CUT-OFFS FOR SERVICING ARE \$4,400 AND \$10,000 OR \$6,600 AND \$15,000. IF

THE
FORMER IS THE CASE THEN THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL WOULD
INCREASE THE LEVELS FROM \$4,400 AND \$10,000 TO \$6,600
AND \$15,000. IF THE LATTER IS THE CASE THEN THE
BELGIAN PROPOSAL WOULD IN EFFECT PROVIDE FOR IC/DV
CUT OFFS OF \$10,000 AND \$22,500.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER THE
PRESENT IC/DV PROCEDURE CUT OFFS FOR SERVICING ARE
\$4,400 AND \$10,000 OR \$6,600 AND \$15,000 AND INDICA-
TION AS TO WHETHER IN EITHER CASE THE U.S. COULD
ACCEPT BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THESE FIGURES BY
50 PER CENT.

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